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May 1, 2002

Mr. William F. Caton
Commission's Acting Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination Representative for Universal Service Administrative Company, Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45. (For Consumer Advocates Vacancy)

Dear Mr. William F. Caton:

The RTC Consumer Advisory Committee would like to whole-heartily endorse Linda West as a nominee to fill the vacancy of Representative for Consumer Advocates on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board. Linda would be an excellent choice to your board as she is a very capable individual who could clearly represent consumer concerns of rural telephone companies. Linda has served on the RTC Consumer Advisory Committee, representing low-income families for four years. Linda has most recently represented our RTC Consumer Advisory Committee by meeting with Montana Senator Max Baucus, the Common Carriers Bureau, the FCC commissioners' offices representative Kyle Dixon, as well as several other senatorial offices in Washington, D.C. to express our community concerns regarding FCC orders and policies affecting our rural telephone company consumers.

Linda is a life-long resident of our community and is an enrolled member of the federally recognized Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation. She is an active participant in community service activities, such as RTC Consumer Advisory Committee. Linda has been a long-term employee of our Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal government. Linda's life-long experiences would provide positive breadth and insight to your Universal Service Administrative

Company Board.

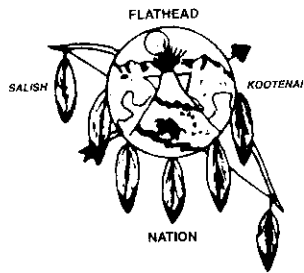
The Consumer Advisory Committee to the Ronan Telephone Company would like you to give serious consideration in selecting Linda West to fill your board vacancy.

If I can be of further help in this matter, Please feel free to contact me 406.675.2700.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Corwin Clairmont". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

Corwin Clairmont
Chairman
RTC Consumer Advisory Committee



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are pleased to write this letter of endorsement for Linda L. West, who has been nominated by the Ronan Telephone Company consumer Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

D. Fred Matt, Chairman *actg*
Tribal Council

LINDA L. WEST
PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Linda L. West
Member of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Flathead Indian Reservation

Present Address: 715 Andrew NW
Ronan, MT 59864

EDUCATION:

Graduated Arlee High School, Arlee, Montana
Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana
(continuing with emphasis in business management and computer science).
(other classes including, but not by way of limitation, general studies, precision writing, Geography, and advertising)
Palomar Junior College, San Marcos, California

Member of Selected Organizations:

Ronan Telephone Company Consumer Advisory Committee (RTC)
Employee Representative on Credit Union Board of Directors (Federated Stores)
Employee Representative on Personnel Board (CS & KT)
PTA
Altar Society
Marine Corps Wives' Club
Youth Organizations

Professional Experience:

Present Job Title:

Administrative Assistant to the Director, Natural Resources Department (CS & KT)
Worked for the Tribes for the past 23 years as an Administrative Officer, Secretary, Bookkeeper, and Loan Technician

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Other Professional Experiences:

Meeting with FCC Commissioners, Staff, and Congressional Representatives in Washington, D.C. as a member of the RTC

Attended numerous conferences on Housing Issues held at different locations in the Continental U.S. and Hawaii (over past 23 years)

Attended numerous training sessions dealing with Government Regulations, Policies, and Procedures with references to contracts and grants (over past 23 years)

**LINDA L. WEST
PERSONAL BIO**

**Born: November 26, 1945
St. Ignatius, MT**

**Mother: Mary Josephine Cote
Born: St. Ignatius, MT**

**Father: Stanley J. Oliver
Born: Sand Coulee, MT**

**Married, two children: Daniel (living in Idaho; works construction)
Rodney (serving with the U.S. Army in Kosovo)**

Over the span of my adult life, I have been involved in community activities as a Cub Scout Den Mother, youth baseball coach, Sunday School Teacher, room mother, volunteer at youth activities in a variety of roles (concessions, transportation, chaperone, etc.), volunteer for elders, involved with political activities.

Our Consumer Advisory Committee has serious concerns about the issues facing rural America, which is often overlooked due to their lack of representation. They simply do not have the "numbers". We believe that it is important for members of the general public who live and work in "rural America" to become involved in the processes taking place in Washington, D.C., which affects all Americans.

Individually, I have the support of the Committee and my employer to make the commitment of time and energy to serve on this Board.